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SUBJECT: US - AFGHAN RELATIONS

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1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS YOUR PLAN TO SEEK OUT NAIM AND USE PROPOSED POINTS PARA 4 REFTEL TO REFUTE ALLEGATION OF US COMPLICITY IN ABORTIVE MAIWANDWAL COUNTERCOUP. ALTHOUGH WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE WAHID ABDULLAH'S ASSURANCE THAT AFGHANS DO NOT ATTACH ANY CREDENCE TO "EVIDENCE" PRESENTED, BELIEVE YOU SHOULD ATTEMPT TO NAIL ALLEGATION WITH NAIM AS CATEGORICALLY AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT APPEARING TO "PROTEST TOO MUCH".

2. IN REVIEWING REFTEL SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE PRESENTED, IT APPEARS THAT SOME AFGHANS (PERHAPS INCLUDING LEFTIST MEMBERS OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE) MAY HAVE CONNECTED MAIWANDWAL'S ALLEGED STATEMENTS OF U.S. SUPPORT WITH EARLIER CHARGES OF MAIWANDWAL-CIA LINK. WE ARE PUZZLED, HOWEVER, THAT YOU WERE PRESENTED THIS "EVIDENCE" AFTER DEPPRIMIN SHARQ'S ASSURANCES TO LEWIS (KABUL 6995) IN LATE SEPTEMBER THAT GOA CONVINCED USG NOT RPT NOT INVOLVED. IT
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POSSIBLE THAT GOA INTENDED THIS SOMEWHAT RITUALISTIC PRESENTATION OF "EVIDENCE" (WHICH IT DID NOT BELIEVE) FOR PURPOSE OF (A) SATISFYING SOME LEFTIST MEMBERS OF REGIME WHO NOT CONVINCED; (B) "WARNING" USG NOT TO INTERFERE IN

FUTURE IN AFGHAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS; OR (C) SIGNALLING USG THAT WE WILL HAVE TO OVERCOME ALLEGATION IN FUTURE BY DEMONSTRATIVE ACTS OF FRIENDSHIP (I.E. AID, DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT, ETC.).

3. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR EVALUATION AFTER YOUR MEETING WITH NAIM. KISSINGER

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